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NUCLEOSIDE BY FERMENTATION

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.181(a)(3) PTO-1449

Copies of Information Disclosure Statements filed November 14, 2007, October 3, 2007, November 22, 2005 and September 23, 2004

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Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated October 12, 2007, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statements filed on (1) November 14, 2007, (2) October 3, 2007, (3) November 22, 2005, and (4) September 23, 2004, and the references cited on the International Search Report filed on January 14, 2000, have been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing all these references.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of each of the Information Disclosure Statements as originally filed on (1) November 14, 2007, (2) October 3, 2007, (3) November 22, 2005, and (4) September 23, 2004, and the International Search Report originally filed on January 14, 2000, along a copy of the date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the timely filing thereof.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statements have been considered is kindly solicited.

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